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Police and Sigurimi Agents

1. In Lesh there are about 30 police under Lt. Qamil Daqi from Shkoder. The Civil Guard in Lesh has a strength of 14 men. In the Lesh area there are police stations in Dajc, Zadrime, Kallmet, Shengjin and Krioneri.
2. In each organizata baz there are agents of the Party Security who form the Party secret police. They are Sigurimi agents who infiltrate the organization of the Workers' Party. Their duties are as follows:
 - a. Maintain surveillance over members of the Workers' Party.
 - b. Maintain surveillance over organizations and the Security Corps (i.e., police).
 - c. Initiate bitter criticism (sic) during Workers' Party meetings.
 - d. Report every suspect to the Sigurimi.

These agents of the Sigurimi may be the responsible officer of the organizata baz or ordinary members of the Workers' Party.

Prohibited Border Zone

3. As in southern Albania, there is a prohibited zone along the northern border which has a depth of about 1,500 meters.

Concentration Camps

4. In Shkoder there are four prisons: three for political crimes and one for other crimes. About 200 persons are being held there for political offenses, and about 400 for ordinary crimes.

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5. In Burrel there are prisons for those serving long sentences. The prisoners work during the day at compulsory labor in the chrome mines in the vicinity of Burrel.
6. In Lesh there are jails for persons indicted for political and criminal offenses. After the trial they are sent to the prisons in Shkoder to serve their sentences.
7. On the north edge of Fier (M. 05-76) in the old Italian barracks exiled families are kept in a camp. Informant saw this camp in August 1950 when he was passing by in a military vehicle.
8. Another concentration camp is located at Lushnje on the western edge of the city in old Italian barracks. Informant saw about 250 prisoners there when he passed by in a military vehicle. About 30 of the prisoners were old men and the rest were women, all of whom were returning from compulsory work.
9. On this same trip on the road immediately south of Kavaje, informant saw exiles who were returning to the city from compulsory work. About 200 old men, and women of all ages were being accompanied by six policemen. Informant does not know where in the city the camp is located. From the clothing which the prisoners were wearing, informant judged that they came from various regions of Albania, including the south.
10. Informant heard from a soldier from Kosove that there is a concentration camp for political prisoners in Kosove.
11. Informant believes that in Fier there is a camp for Yugoslav Gominformist refugees. In this connection informant stated that one of his relatives, a Yugoslav citizen, fled to Albania at the beginning of 1949, and is now in Fier. However, if this relative requested permission to live with his relatives in informant's village, his request would not be granted by the authorities.

Greek Guerrillas

12. Informant did not see any movement of Greek guerrillas in Albania. He did know of some guerrillas who expressed the wish to remain in Albania and become Albanian citizens. However, they numbered very few. The Government settled them in the regions of Elbasan and Fier and granted them some farm land. They are thus scattered about and are not confined to any camp.

Identity Cards and Permits

13. Persons authorized to carry weapons have a permit which they must carry, and which is issued by the Sigurimi of their district.
14. The only travelling paper required is the civilian identity card.
15. When a person ceases to be a member of the Workers' Party, his Party identity card is taken up by the "responsible" officer of the organizata baz and is turned over to the Political Bureau of the Workers' Party of his district.
16. Every Albanian must have the following papers:
 - a. Civilian identity card.
 - b. Identity card of the Democratic Front.
 - c. Army discharge papers (libreze lirimi), after individual has completed his service in the armed forces.
 - d. Party identity card (issued by Political Bureau of the Workers' Party), if individual is Party member.
 - e. Youth Organization identity card (issued by Political Bureau of the Youth Organization of the komitet), carried by members of that organization.

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